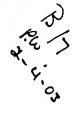
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated August 6, 2002, Applicants have prepared fresh amendments to the claims that were submitted with the Preliminary Amendment indicated to be filed as of April 29, 2002. Accordingly, the following amendments including a marked up version are provided herewith for placement on the record in substitution of the claims amendments submitted with the referenced Preliminary Amendment.